

## About Plays and Players

By BIDE DUDLEY

**WILLIAM HARRIS JR.** discovered a few days ago that his new John Drinkwater play, "Mary Queen of Scots," was not quite a full evening's entertainment, and would need a curtain raiser. Robert Milton suggested that a pantomime would be the best thing to choose, and Mr. Harris has acted on his advice. He has arranged to precede the Drinkwater play with "The Man About Town," written by Austin Strong and presented before the Comedy Club. As a wordless play it is said to rank highly. "Mary Queen of Scots" and the pantomime will reach the stage early next month.

**BUY BALTIMORE HOUSE.** The Meares Shubert announce that they have purchased the Academy of Music, in Baltimore, and will use it for their advanced vaudeville when it comes under their control. The Academy has been booked for years by Klaw & Erlanger.

**DILLINGHAM TO EUROPE.** Broadway is discussing a rumor that Charles Dillingham intends to invade European theatrical fields on an extensive scale. Not long ago H. H. Wurnside and Fred G. Latham, of the Dillingham producing staff, went abroad, and this started the report. It is known that Mr. Dillingham has been offered the direction of two of London's theatres and one in Paris; also that lately he has not been selling the English and French rights to his musical plays. Those who profess to know, say he is planning to send Fred Stone, in "Tip Top," to London and Paris, and that he is seeking a theatre in London big enough to house a Hippodrome spectacle.

**NOTHING DOING.** George Ford, who manages Shakespearian productions, was on a train to Georgia not long ago and saw a mountaineer pull a flask from his pocket and take a stiff drink of whiskey. A solemn-faced man, observing the act, said: "Sir, never in my life have I tasted liquor."

**THE "GOODS" ARE BACK.** They say "In the Night Watch," at the Century, has brought back the "gallery gods." Saturday night, when the ship sank on the stage, there came a shrill whistling and the stamping of feet from the top gallery. Leo Shubert found 300 small boys there and had the ushers "set 'em up" to peanuts and candy.

**"WHITE VILLA" MONDAY.** The Players Fellowship, in conjunction with A. H. Woods, will present "The White Villa" next Monday afternoon at the Eltinge Theatre. This attraction will continue at the Eltinge for a series of Monday, Tuesday and Friday matinees. The cast includes Edward Ellis, Lucille Watson, Edward Reine, Kenneth Hill, Doretha Fisher, Olive Oliver, Frank Morgan, Doris Kenyon, Anita Bothe and John Clements.

**FATHER WRITES ONE.** A Bay Ridge reader sends us a little poem which should be of interest to us fathers. It follows:  
All night long the floor I walk,  
With baby crooning a song.  
I'm glad I'm not in Greenland,  
Where the nights are six months' long.

**MISS KUMMER TO REVIVE.** Miss Kummer announces she will revive several of her plays at special matinees at the Eltinge. The latter is at present appearing in "The Purple Mask." When "Toto" is produced, Phoebe Foster will be Mr. Dittichstein's leading woman.

**"TOTO" FOR DITTRICHSTEIN.** Lee Shubert has accepted for the use of Leo Dittichstein a new play entitled "Toto," by Achmed Abdulah and Mr. Dittichstein. The latter is at present appearing in "The Purple Mask." When "Toto" is produced, Phoebe Foster will be Mr. Dittichstein's leading woman.

**GOSSIP.** Mary Nash will give an extra matinee performance of "The Name Is Woman" on Washington's Birthday. Vivienne Segal has been engaged by Carl Carlton for the prima donna role in "Tangene."

Low Bros., playing the Proctor theatre, hints that his sister, Fannie, and he may be in their own play next season.

Robert Ames, Merle Maddern, Fredrick Perry, Talulah Bankhead, Hugh Humberly, Katherine Cornell, Guy Milham, Edwin Hensley and Frederick Maynard will support Francine Harrison in "Nice People."

Bonnie Carson, now on the Proctor roadshow circuit, will go to Arizona soon to appear for one week in a play by Harold Bell Wright. The proceeds will go to charity.

The New Amsterdam Roof will not be open to-night. To-morrow night it will be ready for the new "Nine O'clock Frolic" and will be opened at 7 P. M.

Edith Lovejoy, Sunday editor of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, is visiting in New York. She was given a hot party at "The Greenwich Village Polite" Saturday night.

The Donnelly Revue, at the Selwyn Theatre last night, was a huge success. An invited audience saw a first class minstrel show.

**A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.** Laughter is the water that flows from the hose of merriment.—Pinkie-square.

**FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE.** On this a slow train?  
Slow? Say, it's so slow you could take a motion picture of it.

### By Way of Diversion.

Tired hands! I feel them passing o'er my brow—a mem'ry sweet—routing boyhood fears, harassing; stilling me to rest, complete. soothing hands, so smoothly gentle! They are spreading sympathy, curing all my ailments, mental; bringing mother-love to me. Mother hands, so thin and wrinkled, oozing warmth from mother's heart! Seemed that bells of heaven tinkled, added comfort to impart. Tired hands! Their work is over; crossed are they upon a breast where the daisies and the clover guard o'er her I loved the best.

**FOOLISHMENT.** The boy looked on the burning deck. His soul was filled with tre. His father said he should not play. And threw them in the fire.

## NewsCinders

By KID KANE

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